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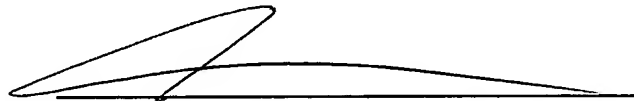
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 10-262714, filed in Japan on September 17, 1998.

The certified copy of the above-referred to Japanese Patent Application was filed on September 16, 1999 in prior application Serial No. 09/391,088, filed September 11, 2001.

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